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DURHAM, N.H. – UNH is celebrating the reopening of Kingsbury Hall during a dedication ceremony Saturday, October 13, at 4 p.m. in the Kingsbury Courtyard and surrounding area. Kingsbury is the home to the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences (CEPS) and the only engineering degree program in New Hampshire.

The program will include remarks from Mark Huddleston, president of the University of New Hampshire; Joseph Klewicki, dean of the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences; Jack Smith, president of the CEPS Alumni Society; Mike Heffron, president of BAE Systems; and state senator Lou D'Allesandro (D-Manchester). Additionally, there will be an open house reception and tours to showcase student projects and various research projects and initiatives within the various departments.

The newly renovated Kingsbury Hall boasts 120,000 square feet of classrooms, laboratories, and a library. New features include student project areas, gathering places for students and faculty to work collaboratively, and laboratories visible to hallways.

Originally constructed in 1949 with an addition in 1966, Kingsbury Hall was renovated and expanded via a private-public partnership of the state, industry in the region, and UNH alumni. Since 2001, the New Hampshire legislature has supported the Knowledge Economy Education Plan (KEEP-NH) by allocating substantial funding for the renovations of Kingsbury, DeMeritt, James, and Parsons halls. Several private corporations have contributed to the project. BAE Systems of Nashua gave \$1 million to establish the BAE Systems Center for Advanced Technology at the college. Philadelphia-based Kingsbury Inc., the company founded by the building's namesake, contributed \$250,000 toward manufacturing and product development lab space. Albert Kingsbury was a UNH professor of mechanical engineering from 1889-1899 and inventor of the Kingsbury thrust bearing. The corporation is still directed by the Kingsbury family.

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Material Science associate professor, Carmela Amato-Wierda, teaching in one of the new UNH

Kingsbury lecture halls.

